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hinge **Pronunciation Key** (hɪŋj)
n.

- a. A jointed or flexible device that allows the turning or pivoting of a part, such as a door or lid, on a stationary frame.
- b. A similar structure or part, such as one that enables the valves of a bivalve mollusk to open and close.
2. A small folded paper rectangle gummed on one side, used especially to fasten stamps in an album.
3. A point or circumstance on which subsequent events depend.

v. hinged, hing-ing, hing-es**v. tr.**

1. To attach by or equip with or as if with hinges or a hinge.
2. To consider or make (something) dependent on something else; predicate: "convenient and misleading fictions for hinging an argument" (Stephen Jay Gould).

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v. *intr.*

To be contingent on a single factor; depend: *This plan hinges on her approval.*

[Middle English *henge*. See *konk-* in Indo-European Roots.]

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\Hinge\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. *Hinged*; p. pr. & vb. n. *Hinging*.] 1. To attach by, or furnish with, hinges.

2. To bend. [Obs.] --Shak.

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\Hinge\, v. i. To stand, depend, hang, or turn, as on a hinge; to depend chiefly for a result or decision or for force and validity; -- usually with *on* or *upon*; as, the argument hinges on this point. --I. Taylor

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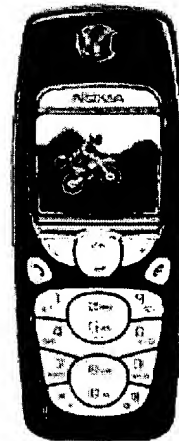
\Hinge\, n. [OE. *henge*, *heeng*; akin to D. *heng*, LG. *henge*, Prov. E. *hingle* a small hinge; connected with *hang*, v., and Icel. *hengja* to hang. See *Hang*.] 1. The hook with its eye, or the joint, on which a door, gate, lid, etc., turns or swings; a flexible piece, as a strip of leather, which serves as a joint to turn on.

The gate self-opened wide, On golden hinges turning. --

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Milton.

2. That on which anything turns or depends; a governing principle; a cardinal point or rule; as, this argument was the hinge on which the question turned.

3. One of the four cardinal points, east, west, north, or south. [R.]

When the moon is in the hinge at East. --Creech.

Nor slept the winds . . . but rushed abroad. --Milton.

Hinge joint. (a) (Anat.) See Ginglymus. (b) (Mech.) Any joint resembling a hinge, by which two pieces are connected so as to permit relative turning in one plane.

To be off the hinges, to be in a state of disorder or irregularity; to have lost proper adjustment. --Tillotson.

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n 1: a device that holds two parts together so that one can swing relative to the other [syn: flexible joint] 2: a circumstance upon which subsequent events depend; "his absence is the hinge of our plan" v : attach with a hinge

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(Heb. tsir), that on which a door revolves. "Doors in the East turn rather on pivots than on what we term hinges. In Syria, and especially in the Hauran, there are many ancient doors, consisting of stone slabs with pivots carved out of the same piece inserted in sockets above and below, and fixed during the building of the house" (Prov. 26:14).

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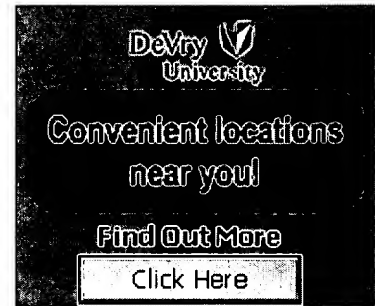
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